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Promotion of Organic Fertilizers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to regulate the use of chemical fertilizers by promoting organic fertilizers in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is of the opinion that the said proposal is a viable and workable idea without any practical difficulties, if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the organic and biofertilizers produced in the various States of the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise along with the details of the companies producing organic fertilizers in the country; and

(d) the various efforts being made by the Government to monitor the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and to promote the use of organic and biofertilizers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): No, Madam. No such proposal is with Ministry.

(c): The State-wise details of the organic and biofertilizers produced is given at Annexure-I, IIA, IIB & IIC.

(d): The Government is recommending soil test based balanced and integrated nutrient management through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources including organic manures and biofertilizers to provide plant nutrients and reduce the excessive use of chemical fertilizers. In addition, split application and placement of fertilizers, use of slow releasing N-fertilizers, nitrification inhibitors, growing leguminous crops and use of Resource Conservation Technologies (RCTs) are also advocated. In order to promote greater use of organic and biofertilizers, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Pusa has developed improved and efficient strains of biofertilizers specific to different crops and soil types under Network project on Soil Biodiversity-Biofertilizers. Liquid Biofertilizers technology with higher shelf-life has also been developed. Besides, the Council has developed technology to prepare various types of organic manures such as phosphocompost, vermicompost, bio-enriched compost, municipal solid waste compost, etc. from various organic wastes.

The Government is also monitoring pesticides residues in various agricultural commodities etc. under the central scheme "Monitoring of Pesticides Residues at National Level" (MPRNL). The annual report MPRNL is being shared with all State Governments in order to sensitize about the areas of likely pesticide over use.